

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 671

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ray A. Rottero of Joelton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Ray Rottero; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rottero was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ray Rottero attended the University of Tennessee at Nashville and Peabody College; he courageously served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War before beginning his illustrious career in the dairy business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rottero worked with diligence and dexterity for Nashville Milk Producers from 1946 to 1958; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Ray Rottero joined Purity Dairies as the Director of Quality Assurance, in which position he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-two years until his retirement in 1991; earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rottero was recognized by his colleagues for his astute leadership abilities, rendering sterling service as President of the Tennessee Association of Milk, Water, and Protection; Director of Davidson County Farm Bureau, FSA; selection as the 2003 Outstanding Leader of District II by the Tennessee Farm Bureau; and seventeen years of service years as the President of the Davidson County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, he was also a distinguished member of various organizations, including the Metro Extension Committee, the 4-H Alumni Association, and the America Culture Dairy Products Institute; and

WHEREAS, Ray Rottero was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Joelton, which he served faithfully for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ray Rottero enjoyed the love and devotion he shared with his wife of fifty-nine years, Mozelle McMahan Rottero; he will also be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his son and daughter-in-law, John David Rottero and Sharon, and his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Tommy Grossheim; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rottero is also survived by his grandchildren, Dustin, Mindy and Nathan Rottero, and his beloved pet, grand pug Paislee Dawn; and

WHEREAS, Ray Rottero was preceded in death by his parents, John and Adelia Cagle Rottero; his brothers, Elvis, John Ed, and Kenneth Rottero and his sisters, Magdaline Perry and Mildred Gary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray Rottero leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Ray A. Rottero, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ray Rottero.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.